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1. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that in a meeting yesterday with representatives of OMB and Senate Appropriations Committee staff, the technical language was worked out for insertion in the continuing resolution for specific coverage of RFE and RL. However, the language was not inserted in the draft resolution since the OMB representatives indicated that final determination had not been made as to the method of funding desired by the Executive Branch. Mr. Preston noted that the technical problem of language for inclusion in the resolution is relatively simple. The problem lies in the backup material use in supporting the resolution. [REDACTED] has been advised. 25X1A

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Mr. Preston again noted that he had not requested our prepared statement on prior briefings but that the pressures on the Chairman are such now that he needs to move over into the same format with us that has been used through the years with the Department of Defense and the military departments. He noted that if charts are to be used with the statement, a copy should be set forth opposite the appropriate page of the statement.

Mr. Preston told me he has not had time to review the draft letter to Mr. Dulski and the correspondence of last year with Chairman Henderson concerning the Ervin bill. I told him the pressure is off at the moment but would appreciate it if he could look at them in the next week or so.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the following items: Soviet airborne command post; military exercise "Yug;" and oceanographic research ships in the Caribbean.

2. (Confidential - JMM) On the Director's instructions, I called the office of Senator William Proxmire who had been trying to get in touch with the Director. His secretary said he wanted to talk to the Director personally. I explained that the Director was not available and would be out of town until the 6th of July, but the Director had asked me to handle the matter in which the Senator was interested and that I thought I knew what this matter was. After consulting the Senator, his secretary told me he would wait until the Director's return and talk personally with the Director.

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8. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Met with Miss Stephanie Takis, in the office of Senator Thomas Eagleton (D., Mo.), concerning a letter from the wife of a civilian employee in Vietnam who has been missing since 1968. The constituent was seeking assistance to secure official documentation for presumption of death so her children can receive Social Security benefits. I advised Miss Takis that we had no information concerning the missing husband and this was primarily a matter for State or possibly DOD (both were also sent copies of the constituent's letter). I assured her we would cooperate fully with State and DOD should they request our assistance. VNO and SAVA were advised and requested to notify Legislative Counsel should any information concerning the constituent's husband be received.

9. (Secret - GLC) Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and asked him if he had received any word from OMB about interim funding for the Radios. He said he had not. In discussing various alternatives the possibility of an appropriation to the emergency fund of the President came up. Woodruff checked the statute governing the use of this fund and said it was sufficiently broad to constitute authority for the use of such funds if they were implemented. He said in his opinion this would be a good approach, but he is awaiting contact from OMB. He said as long as interim funding did not involve the Agency and did not involve DOD funds he would have no objection to it.

We also discussed the sensitive DDS&T programs which he had talked with me about yesterday. He said he wanted to get a thorough briefing on the two projects involved. After checking with Mr. Duckett, I advised Woodruff that Duckett would make himself available any time next week and I am to call Woodruff Monday morning to arrange a time.

Woodruff also mentioned that in a meeting with Deputy Secretary of Defense Packard two other sensitive projects of the DDS&T were discussed. He said Senator Ellender has instructed him to write letters to the Director and to Secretary Packard restating the position taken initially by Senator Richard Russell on these projects that he was agreeable to establishing the capability in these fields but was not approving operational involvement. According to Woodruff, Ellender does not want to be placed in a position of approving or disapproving these operations as such.

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